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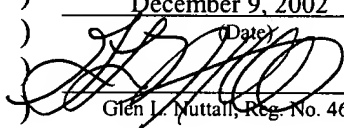
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Dear Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 2, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants elect Species XII, drawn to Figures 28-41.

At least Claims 1-12, 14-21, 23-48, and new claims 49-63, which are added by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment filed herewith, are readable on Species XII.

Respectfully submitted,

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